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FOR EUR/WE-MRS. SHIRLEY

1. THERE FOLLOWS FINAL, APPROVED TEXT OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE INCORPORATING CHANGES REPORTED IN REFTEL. AMBASSADOR VAN ROIJEN PROPOSES TO RELEASE IT EARLY NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10. HE WILL AIM FOR A LATE AFTERNOON RELEASE (THE HAGUE TIME) SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO RELEASE OR REFER TO THE COMMUNIQUE THAT MORNING IN WASHINGTON, IF THAT IS DESIRED. VAN ROIJEN WILL ADVISE US ON THE EXACT TIME AND DATE SHORTLY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE NEW TIME (12:30 P.M.) FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY AT THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, VAN ROIJEN HAS PROMISED TO INFORM US IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN THE DRAMATIS PERSONNAE ON THE DUTCH SIDE.

3. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE:
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"THE WATELER PEACE PRIZE FOR 1974 WAS AWARDED TO

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THE HONORABLE HENRY ALFRED KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN JUNE 1974 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND UNTIRING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL, JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND MORE IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS INVALUABLE OFFICES IN BRINGING ABOUT AGREEMENTS ON TROOP DISENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ON THE ONE HAND, AND BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA ON THE OTHER HAND.

"ON OCTOBER 6TH, 1973, SHORTLY AFTER MR. KISSINGER HAD BEEN INVESTED WITH THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AN ARMED CONFLICT BROKE OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING MR. KISSINGER SPENT A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A RECONCILIATION OF THE PARTIES IN THIS CONFLICT AND TO FIND AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. HE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES, WHICH WAS ACHIEVED ON OCTOBER 25TH, 1973. THEREUPON, IT WAS LARGELY DUE TO HIS EFFORTS THAT, ON JANUARY 18TH, 1974, A TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND THAT, ON MAY 31ST, 1974, A SIMILAR AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

"TO CLEAR THE GROUND FOR THESE AGREEMENTS, MR. KISSINGER PAID FIVE VISITS TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THE LAST OF WHICH LASTED 33 DAYS. WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE PARTIES, MR. KISSINGER TRAVELLED TO AND FRO BETWEEN THEM AS AN INTERMEDIARY, UNTIL FULL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

"THANKS TO HIS ENERGETIC AND TACTFUL COURSE OF ACTION, CARRIED OUT UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, MR. KISSINGER SUCCEEDED IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THUS SERVING THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE IN A MOST EMINENT WAY AND DESERVING WELL OF ALL MANKIND.

"THE WATELER PEACE PRIZE WAS FOUNDED BY MR. J.G.D. WATELER, A DUTCH CITIZEN, WHO DIED IN 1927, BEQUEATHING HIS ESTATE TO THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION, THE BODY WHICH OWNS AND ADMINISTERS THE PEACE PALACE, ON CONDITION

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THAT THE ANNUAL REVENUE SHOULD BE AWARDED AS A PEACE PRIZE TO THE PERSON OR INSTITUTION HAVING RENDERED THE MOST VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE OR HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO FINDING MEANS OF COMBATING WAR. THE PRIZE IS GIVEN ALTERNATIVELY TO A DUTCH AND A FOREIGN PERSON OR INSTITUTION. IN THE PAST, THE PRIZE WAS AWARDED I.A. TO MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, LORD BADEN POWELL, THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, MR. D.U.

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STIKKER, MONSIER JEAN MONNET, SIR ANTHONY EDEN, DR.
A. PELT, MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MRS. ALVA MYRDAL.
"ON BEHALF OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION THE WATELER
PEACE PRIZE WILL BE PRESENTED TO MR. HENRY A.
KISSINGER BY DR. J.H. VAN ROIJEN, PRESIDENT OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION AT THE
ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 11,
1974."
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